Lincoln, Evelyn

JFK autopsy pix, X-rays 5/26/81

Under date of 5/10/67 Ray Thurman, unidentified, wrote a lengthy memo to Carl W. Belcher, chief of the General Crimes Section of the DJ Criminal Division, on the subject "Guidelines for the disclosure of materials relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

I presume that Thurman was another lawyer in DJ, whether or not in Criminal. Belcher has been long active in both the King and JFK assassination matters.

She really is talking about non-disclosure and almost entirely about the Commission's records. She takes the incorrect position that FOIA exempted all investigatory files under any and all conditions.

On page 4 she has a section on the pix and X-rays in which she repeatedly refers to them as "presidential library records after transfer to the Archives. This seems to me to support the position I've always taken, that the alleged transfer was not to the family but was from one agency of government to another, presidential libraries being part of Archives.

I also find it interesting that on the same page she refers to me as "Harold 'Whitmarsh' Weisberg" in connection with Archives conversations. I do not recall any of her record holding this reference nor do I recall any record from this files (DJ 123-012-3) reflecting any such usage or basis for it. I suspect she has other records not provided.

I do not recall any reference to any presidential libraries status in the letter agreement. My recollection is that it merely states the transfer is because of historical interest. But if the transfer is to the JFK library, then as I've always claimed, Lincoln was in the Archives waiting not for the family but for the JFK library. The transfer thus was not to the family at that point, prior to the letter agreement.